

# Pokagon State Park

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## And Other Park Events

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**Nature Center Staff:**

**Nature Hours:**

Tuesday - Friday 12 - 4 p.m.

Saturdays & Sundays 10 - 5p.m.

Closed Mondays

Open Monday January 18th & February 15th

**Marie Laudeman**

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## January - February 2016

### Potawatomi Inn Activities

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn. Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn Craft Room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us! *Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*



*All Programs Are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time*

*Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)*

### Saturday, January 9

- 10:30am **JUST A FEW FURS** - Get the real feel on a few of the mammals that call Pokagon home. This will be a show-and-tell type session with study-skins and pelts. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium.
- 3:00pm **REMAINS TO BE SEEN** - Test your nature detective skills during this program at the Nature Center Auditorium. We will talk about interesting objects from nature or critters who have passed on.

### Sunday, January 10

- 8:30am **JUNCO JAUNT** - Join us in front of the Inn's fish aquarium for our traditional Sunday morning hike where we will be looking for juncos and other snowbirds. We will have binoculars to share.



### Saturday, January 16

- 2:00pm **WINTER SURVIVAL** - We will start this fun program in the warmth of the Nature Center Auditorium discussing strategies for survival. Then we will venture outside to test our skills at making our own fires to survive in the great outdoors. The reward for all our hard work will be boiling our own hot cocoa!



### Sunday, January 17

- 8:30am **EARLY-BIRD-GETS-THE-WORM HIKE** - Meet the Naturalist by the Inn's fish aquarium where we will embark on our traditional Sunday morning stroll with our binoculars in hand to seek out winter birds.

### Monday, January 18

- 11:00am **CRITTER FEEDING TIME** - Stop in the Nature Center to see some of our animals eat their food!

### Saturday, January 23


- 10:30am **LIFE IN COLD BLOOD** - Feeling chilly today? Come warm up in the Nature Center Auditorium where you can meet some cold blooded critters up-close and learn their adaptations to survive until spring.
- 2pm - 4pm **WINTER DIGITAL CAMERA SCAVENGER HUNT** - In this fun game you can earn a small prize when you successfully take a picture with your cell phone or camera all the natural items on our list.




### Sunday, January 24

- 8:30am **WINTER WANDER** - Join the Naturalist by the Inn's fish aquarium where we will embark on our traditional Sunday morning hike looking for birds and other winter wildlife. We will have binoculars.

## Friday, January 29

- 6:00pm  **TALKING WITH OWLS** - Join the Naturalist at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center for a quick talk on owls before stepping outside to see if we can get some closer views or some to answer back.


## Saturday, January 30

- 10:30am **TRINE BY SNOWSHOE** - Meet the Naturalist at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center where we will talk briefly on snowshoes. Then we will start a short walk through the woods. Snowshoes will be available on a first come-first serve basis. In case of too little snow, we will still hike nearby. 
- 2:00pm **OWL PELLET PROBING** - Some may think, "Oh gross!" But, you'll be saying, "Aww cool!" after discovering what is coughed-up in pellets from owl's dinners. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium.

## Sunday, January 31

- 8:30am **SUNRISE STOMP** - Wake up before the sun and come along for this traditional Sunday morning stroll meeting at the Inn's fish aquarium where we will embark on a hike looking for winter wildlife.


## Saturday, February 6

- 10:30am **CRITTER FEEDING TIME** - Stop in the Nature Center to see some of our animals eat their food!
- 2:00pm  **CROSS-COUNTRY SKI HIKE** - Enjoy Pokagon's natural beauty from skis on this hike. Meet the Naturalist at the CCC Shelter where we will spend a few minutes talking about the sport of skiing before heading out on an adventure into the winter woods. Youth 15 years old or younger can rent cross-country skis for \$5.00/hour and adults \$8.00/hour. Spots will be limited. Call the Nature Center at 260-833-3506 to reserve your place. In the event our weather conditions are not suitable for skiing, we will still embark on a hiking adventure from the CCC Shelter.


## Sunday, February 7

- 10:30am **WINTER WAKE-UP WALK** - Bring your warm clothes and meet us by the Inn's fish aquarium. Then we will bundle up and head out for a fresh-air walk searching for birds and other wildlife.

## Saturday, February 13

- 10:30am **WOODPECKER WONDERS** - Join us at the Nature Center Program Area for this short talk about woodpeckers. We will spend some time at the Woodland Window for some close-up views.
- 3:00pm **SNOWFLAKE FUN** - Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for this short program where we take a close-up look at snowflakes. You will leave appreciating their beauty. 

## Sunday, February 14

- 10:30am  **LOVE OF BIRDS HIKE** - If you love birds or have a lovebird to bring along, meet the Naturalist at the Inn's fish aquarium where we will bundle up and head out in search of snowbirds and other winter wildlife.

## Monday, February 15

- 10am - 2pm **PRESIDENTS' DAY BIRD WINDOW BINGO** - Celebrate by playing this fun game where you can join the Naturalist anytime at our Nature Center Woodland Window. The species of birds you see could result in you receiving a BINGO on your game card. Small prizes will be awarded.


## Saturday, February 20

- 2:00pm **BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS** - Meet at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center where we will learn about these jewels of blue before we head out along the bike trail to do a necessary spring cleaning of their nestboxes.

## Sunday, February 21

- 8:30am **WINTER MORNING BIRD SEARCH** - Bring your warm clothes and meet us in the Inn Lounge by the fish tank. Then we will bundle up and head out for a fresh-air walk searching for birds.

## Saturday, February 27

- 10:30am **SNAKES ALIVE!** - Slither on over to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short show-and-tell program on one of our most interesting, but often misunderstood group of animals.
- 3:00pm **WINTER TREE ID** - Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a brief discussion on winter tree identification, then we will head out for a short walk to identify some trees in their leafless condition. 

## Sunday, February 28

- 8:30am **RETURN OF THE RED-WINGED** - Join us for our traditional Sunday morning walk where we will search for red-winged blackbirds which signal spring is not too far away. We will provide binoculars.



## PARK PATCH & PIN PROGRAM



*This is a great program for all ages and families. There are fun activities that have you exploring all our Indiana State Parks. Stop by the Nature Center anytime and learn how you can earn a patch or pin!*